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ACTIVITY REPORT (MARCH 2024)

PCCI-NORTH LUZON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TURN OVER AND JOINT INDUCTION

THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY—NORTH LUZON HELD THE NORTH LUZON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TURNOVER, AND JOINT INDUCTION CEREMONIES LAST MARCH 1, 2024, AT THE GLOBAL GRAND PAVILION, WASHINGTON ST. COR. WATERFRONT ROAD, SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE. THE PCCI-NL INVITED PCCI PRESIDENT CONSUL ENUNINA V. MANGIO AS THE INDUCTING OFFICER AND SMBA CHAIRMAN AND ADMINISTRATOR EDUARDO L. ALIÑO AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE OCCASION. BCCI CHAIRMAN OFELIA B. MANGULABNAN, VICE CHAIRMAN MAURA H. MANUEL, PRESIDENT CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA, TREASURER ENGR. MARIA CECILIA G. ESTINOPO, AGRI COMMITTEE CHAIR LILIBETH M. ALCARAZ AND TOURISM COMMITTEE CHAIR CARLITO M. GERONIMO ATTENDED THE MEETING AND WERE INDUCTED DURING THE CEREMONY.



BCCI'S 2ND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BCCI CHAIRMAN, MS. OFELIA MANGULABNAN PRESIDED THE 2ND BOARD MEETING HELD LAST MARCH 5, 2024, AT THE BCCI OFFICE. THE MAIN AGENDA OF THE MEETING WERE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS FOR THE BCCI OFFICE AND FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING BULACAN BUSINESSMEN 2024. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.



COURTESY VISIT OF TESDA BULACAN

ON MARCH 8, 2024, THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) BULACAN PROVINCIAL OFFICE LED BY ITS PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR MELANIE GRACE T. ROMERO PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO BCCI PRESIDENT CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA. TESDA PROPOSED A COLLABORATION WITH THE BCCI TO EXECUTE PROJECTS ACROSS SEVERAL INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR.



DBFI'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE DANGAL NG BULACAN FOUNDATION, INC. HELD ITS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LAST MARCH 9, 2024, AT MARIANO PONCE HALL, HIYAS NG BULACAN CONVENTION CENTER, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPOUND, CITY OF MALOLOS, BULACAN. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR, HER EXCELLENCY MARIELLE GERAEDTS WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER. HER SPEECH TACKLED "BOOSTING DUTCH INVESTMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES." SHE GAVE AN UPDATE ON DUTCH-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN BULACAN, INCLUDING LAND REDEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BULAKAN. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO SHARED THE DUTCH EXPERIENCE IN WINNING OVER FLOODS AND RISING WATERS TO ENLIGHTEN THE GUESTS IN ADDRESSING THE PERENNIAL FLOODING IN BULACAN AND NEARBY AREAS.



FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS, THE ACTUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING STARTED. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DBFI'S PRESIDENT, MS. GLADYS STA. RITA WAS PRESENTED. THE MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION OPTED NOT TO HOLD AN ELECTION THIS YEAR.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: LAUNCH OF THE SCALE-UP PROJECT

WITH THE OVERALL GOAL OF REBUILDING VALUE CHAINS TOWARDS IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY CHAINS, THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PRDP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAUNCHED THE SCALE-UP PROJECT LAST MARCH 12, 2024, AT THE GREENE MANOR HOTEL, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA. THE ACTIVITY AIMED TO INCREASE AWARENESS ON THE THRUSTS OF THE DA-PDRDP AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AREAS FOR COLLABORATION WITH PRIVATE AGRIBUSINESS ENTITIES AND THE BUSINESS SECTOR WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE SECTOR.

VP FOR CHAMBER SERVICES AND LOCAL PROGRAMS, MS. LILIBETH M. ALCARAZ, AND ADMIN ASSISTANT, MS. MARISSA DE CASTRO ATTENDED THE PROJECT LAUNCH TO REPRESENT THE BCCI.



PSA: PRESS CONFERENCE ON INFLATION

THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), AS STIPULATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10625, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL ACT OF 2013”, IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL NATIONAL CENSUSES AND SURVEYS, SECTORAL STATISTICS, COMMUNITY-BASED STATISTICS, THE CONSOLIDATION OF SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDING SYSTEMS, AND THE COMPILATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS.

IN THIS REGARD, PSA BULACAN, CONDUCTED ITS FIRST EVER PRESS CONFERENCE ON INFLATION IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN WITH A REFERENCE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 2024. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MS. JONIE MANGALONZO ATTENDED THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD LAST MARCH 13, 2024, TO REPRESENT THE BCCI.

CENTRAL LUZON INFLATION RATES

Province	February 2024	January 2024
AURORA	1.3	0.3
BATAAN	2.9	2.1
BULACAN	7.3	6.8
NUEVA ECUIJA	6.9	4.1
PAMPANGA	2.5	2.1
CITY OF ANGELES	2.2	0.2
TARLAC	3.4	1.6
CITY OF DLONGAPO	4.5	3.4
Zambales	2.7	2.9

BULACAN INFLATION RATE
FEBRUARY 2024

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Participants: PhilSys Bulacan, Jovelle Caparas, IPU PCEDO-BU..., PSA RSO 03 B..., TESDA PROVIN..., Marjorie Alba, TESDA PROVINCIAL OFFICE Bulacan, 11 others, Bulacan Chamber

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES-COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

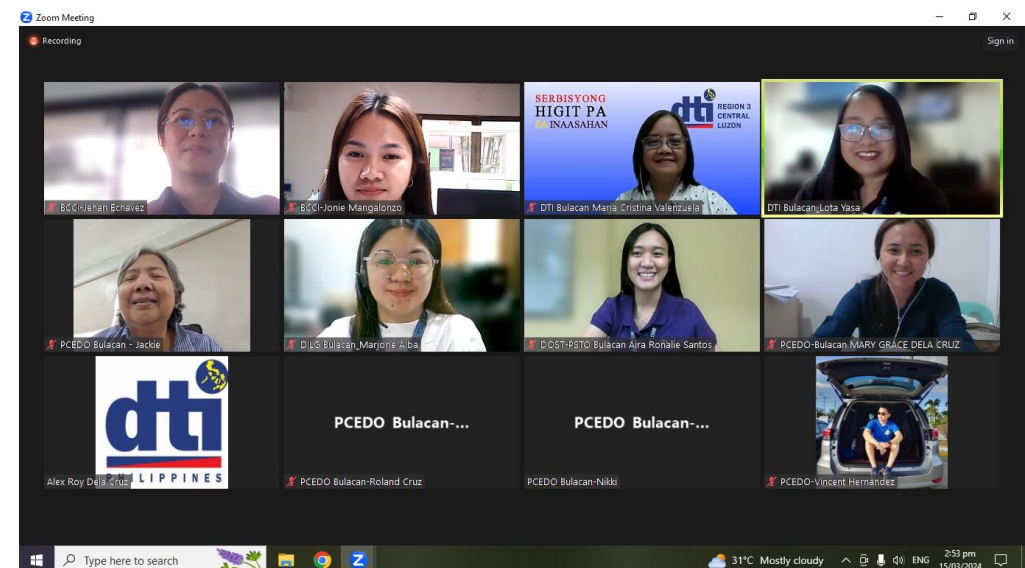
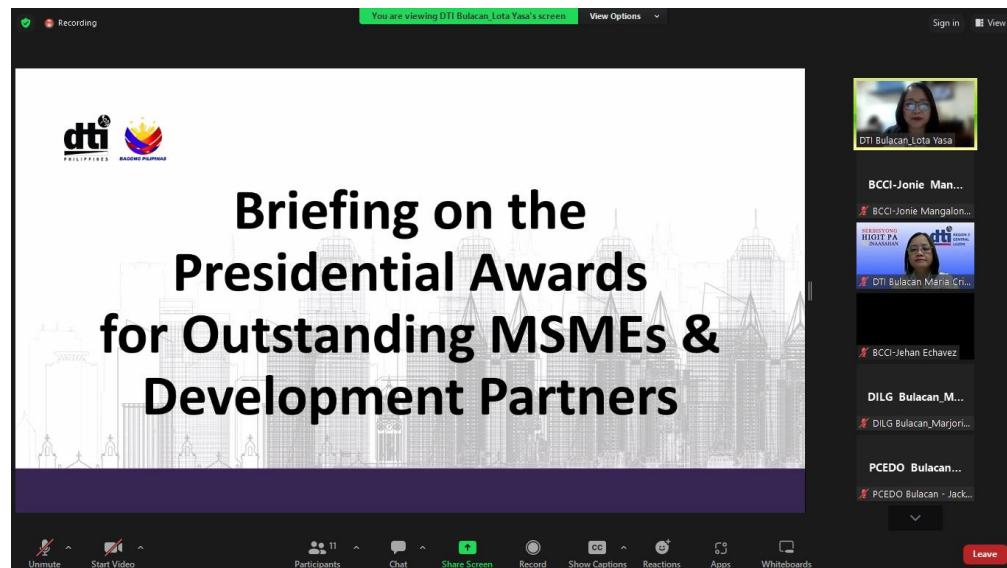
THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN ROMUALDEZ, CONDUCTED A FORUM ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DUBBED “TATAK SAN JOSEÑO: TAPAT, MASIGASIG, AT MAAASAHAN SA BAGONG PILIPINAS”, A KNOWLEDGE-SHARING EVENT THAT FOSTERS GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS. BCCI PRESIDENT, MS. CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA, WAS ONE OF THE RESOURCE SPEAKERS. PRESIDENT BAUTISTA DELIVERED HER PRESENTATION ENTITLED “BOOSTING GROWTH THRU GOOD GOVERNANCE”. THE EVENT WAS HELD LAST MARCH 14, 2024, AT THE GRAND BALLROOM, CITY CONVENTION CENTER, BRGY. SAPANG PALAY PROPER, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN.



BRIEFING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING MSMES AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

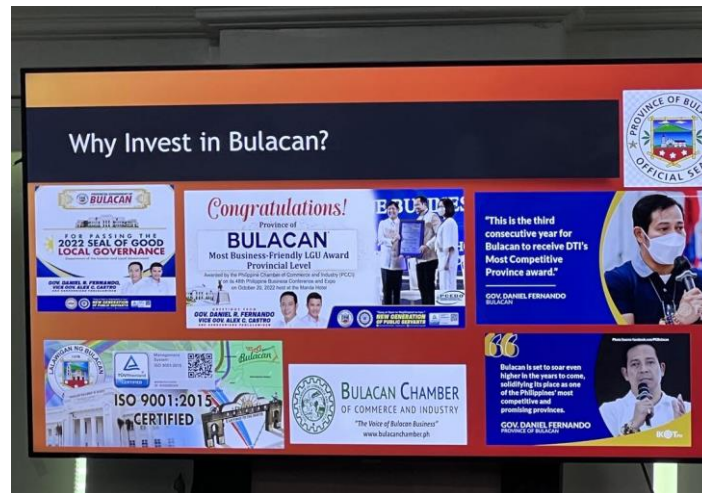
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY PROVINCIAL OFFICE CONDUCTED THE BRIEFING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING MSMES AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS LAST MARCH 15, 2024. THE OUTSTANDING MSMES AWARDS ARE GRANTED TO MSMES WHOSE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS HAVE ENABLED THEM TO MEET CHALLENGING STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE AND SHOW CONSISTENTLY THEIR COMMITMENT TO GROWTH, COMPETITIVENESS, INNOVATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COUNTRY, WHILE THE PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS ARE GIVEN TO MSME DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, LGUS, BANKS, LENDING INSTITUTIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

THE VIRTUAL MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY BCCI VP FOR ADVOCACY, DR. JEHAN ECHAVEZ, AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MS. JONIE MANGALONZO, TO REPRESENT THE BCCI.



PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE ORDINANCE OF 1999

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, HEADED BY MS. PERPETUA R. SANTOS, CONDUCTED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE 011-2023, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVINCIAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE ORDINANCE OF 1999, AS AMENDED BY PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-2015". THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE WERE DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, BOARD MEMBER ARTHUR A. LEGASPI, AND COMMITTEE CHAIR ON WAYS AND MEANS, BOARD MEMBER CEZAR L. MENDOZA, AT THE BULWAGANG SENADOR BENIGNO AQUINO JR., PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPOUND, CITY OF MALOLOS, BULACAN. REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION WAS ALSO PRESENT, THE BCCI PRESIDENT, MS. CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA, TREASURER, ENGR. MARIA CECILIA G. ESTINOPO AND COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, MS. CRISTINA T. FUENTES, ATTENDED THE HEARING TO REPRESENT THE BCCI.



MOBB 2024 TWG MEETING

THE MOST OUTSTANDING BULACAN BUSINESSMEN 2024 (MOBB) TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) HAD A MEETING LAST MARCH 20, 2024, AT THE BCCI OFFICE. THE TWG CONCEPTUALIZED THE EVENT'S THEME, AND THEY CAME UP WITH "**MOBB 2024: SUCCESS BEYOND LIMITS.**" THE MEETING DISCUSSED THE DETAILS ON HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY BCCI CHAIRMAN, MS. OFELIA MANGULABNAN, PRESIDENT, MS. CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA, CORPORATE SECRETARY, MR. PILIPINO RAMOS, TREASURER, ENGR. MARIA CECILIA ESTINOPO, VP-CHAMBER SERVICES AND LOCAL PROGRAMS, MS. LILIBETH ALCARAZ, VP-MEMBERSHIP, MS. CARMENCITA UYCHOCO, CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, MS. CRISTINA FUENTES, CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, MR. CARLITO GERONIMO, AND THE SECRETARIAT.



BULACAN PTESDC 1ST QUARTERLY MEETING

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) BULACAN PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PTESDC) CONDUCTED ITS FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING LAST MARCH 22, 2024, AT THE TESDA BULACAN PROVINCIAL OFFICE MULTIPURPOSE HALL, TABANG, GUIGUINTO, BULACAN. ONE OF THE AGENDA WAS THE PRESENTATION OF PARTNER COMPANIES FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF COMPETENCY STANDARD: PHARMACEUTICAL MACHINE OPERATION AND BOOKKEEPING NC IV. BCCI PRESIDENT CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA ATTENDED THE MEETING TO REPRESENT THE BCCI. BCCI SEAT AS A MEMBER OF THE BULACAN PTESDC COUNCIL.



FIRST MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ART AND CULTURE IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN

THE BCCI WAS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW COUNCIL ON THE PRESERVATION OF ART AND CULTURE. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20 (2023), BASED ON PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 76-2019, BETTER KNOWN AS THE "BULACAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CODE," IS THE ONE THAT CREATED THE KPSK OF THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BETTER PROTECT ITS HERITAGE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAND OF CONSERVATION, DESPITE THE CHANGES WE ARE FACING. BCCI CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, MR. CARLITO M. GERONIMO, REPRESENTED THE BCCI.



CMCI PROVINCIAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN CONDUCTED THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX (CMCI) PROVINCIAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE CMCI TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE OVERALL COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PROVINCE, CONSISTENT WITH THE MANDATE OF EO NO. 02, SERIES OF 2023, WHICH CREATES THE PROVINCIAL CMCI-TWG TO FACILITATE AND CONTINUOUSLY UNDERTAKE ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CMCI. AS A MEMBER OF THE TWG, BCCI VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP, MS. CARMENCITA C. UYCHOCO, ATTENDED THE MEETING TO REPRESENT THE CHAMBER.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

BCCI'S MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, HEADED BY MS. CARMENCITA C. UYCHOCO AS THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD A MEETING LAST MARCH 26, 2024, AT THE BCCI OFFICE. THE MAIN AGENDA OF THE MEETING DISCUSSED HOW THE BCCI CAN RECRUIT AND RETAIN MORE MEMBERS. THE SOUVENIR PROGRAM WAS ALSO DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING. IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE BCCI PRESIDENT, MS. CORINA TENGCO-BAUTISTA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS' CIRCLE, MS. PINKY L. DY, CORPORATE SECRETARY AND VP FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, MR. PILIPINO A. RAMOS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPONSORSHIP, ENGR. JOSE A. FRANCIA, AND THE SECRETARIAT.





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